

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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Marketing
Service

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OFFER TO BUY: Canned and Frozen Fruit and Vegetables and Dried Fruit

Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase canned and frozen fruit and vegetables and dried fruit for distribution to the Child Nutrition Program according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required during the period of July 1, 2006 through November 15, 2006.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

PRODUCT	CONTAINER	U.S.	NO.
	SIZE	GRADE	CASES
Apricots, Canned	6/#10	Grade B	29,184
Apricots, Diced	6/#10	Grade B	20,064
Apricots, Frozen	20-lb.	Grade A	26,600
Pineapple, Canned, Tidbits	6/#10	Grade B	228,000
Pineapple, Canned Crushed	6/#10	Grade B	11,856
Pineapple, Canned Chunks	6/#10	Grade B	58,368
Dried Cherries	4/4 lb. bags	Per C.I.D.	1,848
Frozen Cherries	30-lb.	Grade B	10,240
Cherries, IQF	40-lb.	Grade B	4,800
Canned Cherries, Red	6/#10	Grade B	10,032
Green Beans, Frozen	30-lb.	Grade B	66,000
Green Beans, Canned	6/#10.	Grade B	339,264
Frozen Potatoes, Oven	6/5 lb.	A	388,080
Frozen Potatoes, Rounds	6/5 lb.	Per C.I.D.	348,480
Frozen Potatoes, Wedges	6/5 lb.	A	331,320
Peas, Canned	6/#10	Grade B	57,555
Peas, Frozen	30-lb.	Grade B	73,920

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. **All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.**

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 2546 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.